

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for marking with a binary code a video sequence compressed by motion calculation, from one picture to another, of macroblocks (~~MB~~) dividing each picture, the digital pictures (~~Si~~) being distributed in at least two categories (~~I, P, B~~) according to whether they are coded integrally or by motion vectors (~~MV~~) of the macroblocks with respect to the previous picture or to the previous and next pictures, wherein, at least for the pictures (~~P, B~~) coded by motion vectors, only the macroblocks for which the motion vectors are greater than a predetermined threshold (~~TH~~) are marked.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising marking all the macroblocks of the pictures of the first category (~~I~~).
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising, for the pictures coded by motion vectors:
calculating the motion vectors (~~MV~~) of the macroblocks of the current picture,
comparing the absolute value of the motion vectors with a predetermined threshold; and
according to whether the motion vector of a macroblock is or not greater than said threshold, submitting or not the pixels of the macroblock to a marking algorithm.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein a prediction error of each macroblock is calculated, be it or not submitted to the marking algorithm, prior to a coding by discrete cosine transform.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said threshold is selected to correspond to a motion greater than 5 pixels from one picture to the next one.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, applied to a coding according to an MPEG standard.

7. (Currently Amended) An MPEG coding circuit, comprising means for implementing the method of claim 1.